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associating a unique scan ID code with the scanning operation, which unique scan ID is uniquely associated with the location of the scanner on the global

10   communication network;

assembling a packet of information comprised of the extracted product code and the unique scan ID code to provide a routing packet; and

connecting to the remote information source location utilizing the routing packet and in response to the step of scanning, wherein the routing packet is

15   representative of the location of the remote information source location on the global communication network through an association with a routing table.

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the *Final Office Action* dated October 22, 2001. Applicants have amended Claim 22 to clarify the inventive concept and place the claims in better form for appeal. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

In this *Final Office Action* it is noted on the PTO-326 in Section 4 that Claims 15-31 are pending. Applicants point out that only Claims 22-31 are pending in the present case. Claims 15-21 were cancelled along with Claims 1-14, together identified as Claims 1-21 in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the present Application on February 1, 2000.

As to the present rejection, Claims 22 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being

anticipated by *Hudetz*, U.S. Pat. No. 5,978,773. The Applicants respectfully acknowledge that the distinguishing remarks presented in the response to the preceding *Office Action* (mailed July 18, 2001) perhaps have not been sufficiently clear or well-understood. Therefore, the Applicants submit herewith additional remarks to clarify how the present claims are, in fact, believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants further submit that this Amendment After Final is in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. Sec. 1.116(b) and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 22-31.

The Examiner has indicated in Claim 22 with respect to the step "associating a unique scan ID code with the scanning operation" that the pertinent language in *Hudetz* is that there is a predetermined address of the database associated with the scanning operation, which predetermined address is that utilized to automatically link the current location associated with the scanner to the remote location. In accordance with the amended claim, the unique scan ID is one that is associated with the scanner itself or at least with the location of the scanner. It is basically unique to the scanning location at that location or with a few locations. This is distinguishable over a situation as in *Hudetz* where the scanning device is currently located. This unique scan ID provides information closely associated with the scanner and originating as a result of the scanner being at that location and, therefore, is unique to the scanning location. The destination address or the URL of the destination is unique to that destination (not the origination) and has no relationship whatsoever with the actual scanning operation that is being performed at the location of the scanner. As such, Applicants believe, with the respect to the amended claim, that the unique scan ID cannot be read to include or be anticipated by the URL of the destination address. As such, Applicants believe that Claim 22 is not anticipated by *Hudetz* and, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) rejection in view of *Hudetz*.

Regarding Claims 23, 28 and 29, rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hudetz, et al.* in view of *Citron, et al.* (U.S. Pat No. 5,288,976), this rejection is respectfully traversed as follows. Each of these Claims 23, 28 and 29 ultimately depend from base Claim 22. In the cited passage of *Citron et al.* several *distinct* steps are described once the telephone station (9)

connected to the reader (5) is taken off hook by a user. *First*, the wand (6) is scanned over the bar code and the bar code data is separated and analyzed in the bar code reader interface (7). *Second*, the interface (7) dials the telephone number of the [remote] application processor (4A) by sending the corresponding DTMF signals to establish a connection between the bar code reader interface (7) and the application processor. *Third*, the interface (7) transmits the reader ID code from the memory of the interface (97) via DTMF tones to the application processor, which utilizes the reader ID tones to verify that the reader (5) is a valid reader in the system. Then, in the *fourth* step, the reader (5) causes the bar code data separated during the scanning step to be transmitted to the application processor (4A) also via DTMF tones.
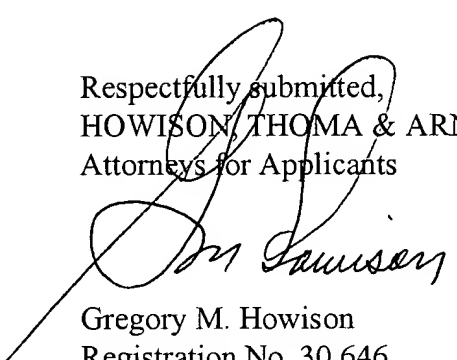
In *Citron et al.* the reader ID code is used *only* in the third step enumerated above, to verify the reader as a valid member of the system. It is *not* associated with the scanning operation and it is *not* assembled into a packet of information comprised of the extracted product code and the unique scan ID code. Further, *Citron et al.* does not use the reader scan ID to in any way facilitate the connection to the remote location, as the connection is made independent of this scan ID. Thus, the combination of *Hudetz, et al.* and *Citron, et al.* fails because *Hudetz, et al.* does not anticipate the base Claim 22 for the foregoing reasons, and the only motivation to modify *Hudetz et al.* with the teaching of *Citron et al.* comes from the Applicants' inventive combination as recited in Claims 23, 28 and 29. For these reasons Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection.

Neither *Hudetz* nor *Citron et al.* anticipates or obviates Applicants' present inventive concept as defined by the amended claims. Applicants therefore request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) and Section 103 rejections with respect to the claims.

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt in order to place the claims in this case in condition for allowance and in better form for appeal. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or

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